

San Diego County Crime Stoppers

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Detectives Looking for Witnesses of Fatal Traffic Collision

Release Date: 04-29-09

San Diego County Crime Stoppers, working with the San Diego Police Department's Traffic Division, is asking for the public's assistance to help identify the person(s) responsible for illegally dumping oil on a roadway that led to a fatal traffic collision.

Detectives said on April 28, 2009, around 3:15 p.m., a twenty-six year old Hispanic male was driving a black Ford Expedition on the eastbound State Route 94 off ramp at Federal Boulevard. The driver lost control when he drove over an oil spill on the bottom third of the off ramp. The Ford Expedition slid onto 5900 Federal Boulevard and in to a 12,500 pound Peterbuilt E.D.C.O. trash truck that was headed westbound on 5900 Federal Boulevard. The Ford Expedition struck the trash truck head-on and the Expedition driver was killed in the collision. Other vehicles slid in the oil and were involved in the collision; there were no other serious injuries.

Sometime prior to the accident, there were four (five-gallon) white plastic buckets of used oil products illegally dumped onto the off ramp by unknown person(s) in an unknown vehicle. (See photo of oil containers on page two)

Video taken from a nearby business shows several cars driving by before and after the collision. (This video is available at the SDPD headquarters front counter until 5:00 p.m. today or beginning at 7:30 a.m.)

Traffic investigators were not able to talk with many of these drivers to gather information about the incident. If you were in the area of the collision before it happened, traffic investigators would like to speak to you.

San Diego Police Department investigators are asking for anyone who may have information on the case to please call the Crime Stoppers anonymous toll-free tip line at (888) 580-8477. You can also send anonymous email or text messages to Crime Stoppers by visiting the following link http://www.sdcrimestoppers.com/. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to a felony arrest.

- Media inquiries regarding this case should be directed to Mónica Muñoz at (619) 531-2675.
- Media inquiries regarding Crime Stoppers should be directed to Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe (619) 531-1547.

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc, in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-8477.



Discarded Oil on SR94 Off Ramp

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